

## The Lord's Supper

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**Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-28**

**What the Savior did:** (Vv. 23-25)

- **He held up the BREAD (Vs. 23)** *“(23) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, (24) and when he had given thanks, he broke it...”*
- **He held up the CUP (Vs. 25)** *“(25) In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood...’”*

**What the Savior said:** (Vv. 24-25)

- **Concerning the BREAD (Vs. 24):** *“(24) Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*
  - The broken bread symbolizes Jesus’ broken body given for sinners.
- **Concerning the CUP (Vs. 25):** *“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*
  - The cup symbolizes the bitter wrath & suffering Jesus would endure (Matthew 26:38-39).

### The PURPOSE of Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

#### **1) It serves as a BACKWARD look to the Cross (Vv. 25-26)**

*“(25) This do... in remembrance of me. (26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.”*

**Remembrance:** The Passover Feast was a commemorative meal (Exodus 12:14), so also is the Lord's Supper a memorial supper - recalling Christ's death for sinners.

**Proclaim:** (Gk: *kataggellō*): **“to proclaim.”** **Usage:** I declare openly, proclaim, preach, laud, celebrate.

#### **2) It serves as an INWARD look to the Conscience (Vs. 28)**

*“(28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”*

**Examine:** (Gk: *dokimazo*): **“to test, try, approve, allow, discern.”**

Psalm 139:23-24 - *“(23) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. (24) See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

#### **3) It serves as a FORWARD look to the Crown (Vs. 26) “(26) ...till He comes.”**

**Comes:** (Gk: *erchomai*): **“to come, go.”** **Usage:** I come, go. (back and forth)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:8 - *“(8) On **the day** of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- The “day” when Jesus Returns at the end of the age (Matthew 24:27-36).

**Matthew 26:29** *“...I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”*